



Halloween Safety Strategies

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Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on sidewalks. If no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Shoes should fit (even if they match the costume).
- Don't wear masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from, and don't pet, animals you don't know.

Parents

- Make sure your child eats dinner before setting out.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame retardant material.
- Know exactly where your children are going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Check all candy wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspicious.

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of things that children (and others) can trip on and fall.
- Pets are frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- Battery powered Jack O' Lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- Make sure all candy has wrapping.
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters are great ideas.

Visit WatchForMeNC.org for pedestrian safety tips and laws.